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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Gerhard Beitel et al.
Applic. No. : 09/734,467
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Examiner : Ida M. Soward - Art Unit: 2822

R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 1-30, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group I at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-30 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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